



Wednesday 4th October 2017

Forthcoming Election of Parent Governors at Great Barford Primary Academy

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that there are two vacancies on our governing body for parent governors and we are seeking nominations of parents or guardians interested in taking up this role.

Being a governor can be very enjoyable and worthwhile. Parent governors are elected by the parents or guardians of children attending the school. All parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to propose or second candidates and vote. Nomination papers for this purpose can be obtained at the school from the School Office or from the leaflet stands in the school reception and wet areas. Alternatively it can be downloaded from the school website. (See letters tab.)

The completed nomination papers must be returned by email to admin@gbls.org.uk marked 'Parent Governor Election' by **3.30pm on Tuesday 18th October 2017**.

If the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies there will be no need to hold a ballot. If a ballot is necessary, it will be by "postal" ballot and your child will be asked to deliver and return your voting (ballot) paper. One ballot paper per parent or guardian is allowed, irrespective of how many of your children attend the school. Ballot papers must be returned in sealed envelopes to the school no later than: **9am on Thursday 16th November 2017** which will be the "date of the election".

More information is given in the notes overleaf and you are advised to read them carefully before taking part in the election.

Thank you for your interest, and involvement in this important process. If you have any queries regarding this election, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTES FOR PARENTS TAKING PART IN PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There will be no need to hold an election (i.e. no ballot will be needed) if the number of nominations received are equal to, or less than, the number of vacancies.

The composition of the governing body detailing the number of parent governors is set according to the Instrument of Government of the school.

After reconstitution a parent governor will have a term of office of four years unless the Instrument Government states otherwise.

Under the 2012 School Governance Regulations, a person is disqualified from election or appointment as a parent governor of a school if they are an elected member of the LA (a County) or if they work at the school for more than 500 hours (i.e. for more than one-third of the hours of a full-time equivalent) in a school year (at the time of election or appointment).

Any governor may resign at any time during their period of office.

A parent governor does not have to resign when his/her child leaves the school, but is able to complete his/her term of office.

Parents standing as candidates in the election may not propose or second themselves.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to return one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children in the family attending the school.

Each parent/guardian shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies in the election. No arrangement shall be made for proxy voting.

Each ballot paper must be returned by the date and time fixed by the head teacher, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the headteacher of the school, indicating it contains a ballot paper and bearing no other mark. Any ballot papers received that are not in sealed envelopes will be invalid.

The ballot papers will remain unopened in a secure place until the count commences.

All candidates or their representatives will be invited to attend the counting of the ballot papers.

A notice of the result of the election will be posted on the school notice board and website for a period of 14 days from the "date of the election". During this period any candidate, proposer or seconder of a candidate, or any ten parents may object to the result of the election

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